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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mrs. Murray).

PRAYER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's opening prayer will be offered by Rev. Mark Antal, the National Chaplain of the American Legion.

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Let us prav.

Eternal God, King of Kings and Lord of all nations, we come before You today seeking Your divine wisdom, mercy, and love.

From the theme verse of the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps, Proverbs 9:10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

We come to You not in a state of slavish fear but in an attitude of love and reverence. From houses of worship and places of prayer, people all across our Nation pray daily for these men and women assembled here in this Chamber.

Guard, keep, and protect these Senators as they travel from their homes here in Washington and then to their respective home States. Help them to know that they are respected and honored by a grateful nation.

Their task may appear huge at times. Help them to remember the words of the late Mother Teresa of Calcutta: We cannot do great things in this world. We can only do small things with great

From the words of the great hymn writer Pollard-Stebbins, we humbly

Have thine own way, Lord. Have thine own way. Thou art the potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

To You, O God, belong the glory. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). The majority leader is recognized.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 532

Mr. SCHUMER. First, some business, and then I will give my remarks.

First, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER. The The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 532) to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

Mr. SCHUMER. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection have been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, now, on the recap of our codel: While meeting last week with leaders in Europe, India, Pakistan, and Israel—the nine of us on our codel—two takeaways became clear. First, the United States should deepen our relationship with India if we want to outcompete the Chinese Communist Party in this century. Second, democracies must unite in increasing aid to Ukraine.

I was glad Prime Minister Modi got the message during our meeting with him in India. My colleagues and I made clear the two largest democracies in the world-the world's oldest democracy and the world's largest—could be a powerful check against the CCP.

That doesn't mean just cooperating with India on defense and security, though that is essential. It means we must take an all-out, all-of-the-above approach, because that is precisely what the CCP is doing.

The CCP wants to outcompete America not just on defense but also economically, geopolitically, logically, in terms of our fundamental values and more. Just as our transatlantic partnership matters immensely, so too will our partnership with India.

The United States and India must, therefore, keep working together to strengthen our economic ties, expand our trade, and make it easier to recruit talented workers from abroad to work in our country.

While meeting with foreign leaders, we also made clear the importance of standing shoulder to shoulder with the people of Ukraine. We made it clear to the leaders of Europe, India, Pakistan, and Israel that they must increase their aid to Ukraine. Vladimir Putin's illegal invasion is now a year old; and as difficult as the road has been, we made it clear that the worst thing we can do is waver in our support. The Ukrainian people and the Ukrainian Armed Forces are fighting valiantly, but they need more materiel. And it is our job to give it to them. A Russian victory will not quench Putin's hunger for expansion. On the contrary, it would escalate his desire for more territory.

So the right answer is for the transatlantic partnership—and all the free nations of the world—to continue supporting the Ukrainian people.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

